

Amendment
Application No. 10/507,012
Attorney Docket No. 042611

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently pending.

I. The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

The Examiner states that the phrase “the molecule thereof” in claim 1 lacks proper antecedent basis. The Examiner states that the phrase “reactive with a carbodiimide group and the carbodiimide group” in claim 3 is confusing. The Examiner states that the phrase “the molecule” claim 9 lacks proper antecedent basis.

Claims 1, 3 and 9 have been amended for clarity and to provide proper antecedent basis for the terms therein. It is respectfully submitted that Applicants’ claims are clear and definite and it is requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

II. The Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-9 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of copending Application No. 10/519,077.

Claims 1-9 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/519,079.

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While Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is not obvious over the claims of copending Application No. 10/519,077 and the claims of copending Application No. 10/519,079, to expedite allowance of the present Application, Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. The Terminal Disclaimer includes both copending Application No. 10/519,077 and copending Application No. 10/519,079. See MPEP 804.02.IV. for USPTO approval of filing a single terminal disclaimer for multiple patents.

Attached to the Terminal Disclaimer is a check for the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d). Please charge any other fees necessary for the terminal disclaimer to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

For the above reasons, it is requested that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and the obviousness-type double patenting rejections reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

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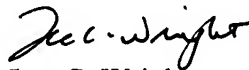
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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